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- (1) Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. (A) 05-103291, (OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO LTD), published April 23, 1993;
- (2) Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. (A) 05-276472, (KYOCERA CORP), published October 22, 1993;
- (3) Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. (A) 09-130731, (NEC CORP), published May 16, 1997;
- (4) Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. (A) 10-341400, (NIKON CORP), published December 22, 1998; and


Applicant also wishes to bring the following document to the attention of the Examiner:

- (5) Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. (A) 2001-8147, (OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO LTD), published January 12, 2001.

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